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TIME'S CURVE. Mourn, Oh, rejoicing heart, The hours are flying, Each one some treasure takes, Each one some bosom breaks, And leaves it dying; The chill dark night draws near, Thy sun will soon depart, And leave thee sighing; Then mourn, rejoicing heart, The hours are flying!

A LITTLE GOLD OWL. "Do you know what a famous Russian beauty once wrote in her album? No? Let me tell you, then: 'The Frenchman understands best the art of talking love, the Italian of acting it, but the German rocks it to sleep, while the Pole runs all.'"

The lady made no immediate reply. The pair stood in the wings of a tiny amateur theatre in one of our large cities, and the drama of "Matrimony," in which they had acted, was over. Both were artists in that intense sentiment of excitement which stirs the ripples of private life when theatricals and charades become the fashion.

"Himmel!" exclaimed Marie, and sped with her treasure to the larger bier where Fritz, her lover, was employed as waiter.

Marie shed a few tears of feminine vanity, while yielding to logical argument, and trudged home with her basket. Fritz sought a little den of a shop in an obscure quarter, and sold the gold owl to a Jew, after much haggling, for \$5, which sum he consigned to a savings bank.

"My children remember the Scotch proverb. 'Those who fish for minnows never catch trout,' said Mr. Riddel, behind him. Mr. Riddel, who invariably enacted the part of benevolent old man, proffered his snuff-box to Capt. Hornblower with his quizzical smile.

Said Mrs. Riddel, as she conducted Miss Bevan home: "You will not forget my proverb, Augusta!—'Those who fish for minnows never catch trout.'"

"You have always warned me of fortune-hunters and worthless suitors since I left school," she exclaimed petulantly. Mr. Riddel remained silent, but the blood mounted to his brow.

A Noted Outlaw. John Alfred Slade, the noted outlaw and highwayman, used to wear a beaded and gaudily colored buckskin suit which cost \$750.

Upon the establishment of the overland line of coaches to California Slade was much incensed, as he claimed it was an innovation upon the rights of the Indians and the traders and would bring too many whites upon the plains.

"The game is lost," reflected the gallant warrior, with unfeigned regret. "Of course, no woman ever forgave that."

Fritz happened to be polishing the row of little tables placed in bowers of evergreen. He was a prudent youth of 19, with blonde hair and hard blue eyes.

Finally the Jew took the trinket to a fashionable jeweler, celebrated for skillful workmanship in metals, and sold it for a considerable sum.

A stranger with white long hair, a white coat, a white hat with a crape band and other evidences of lunacy, entered a restaurant and said to the proprietor:

"Sir, let me explain in advance that I am a singular man." "All right, sir. A singular man's order is as good as any one else's." "I want six oysters on the half-shell—on the left-hand half, if you please."

SOFT SOAP.—Three quarters of a pound of washing soda and a pound of brown soap cut in small pieces; put them in a large stone jar on the back of the range, when the range is not very hot, and pour over it a pailful of cold water; stir it once in a while, and after some hours, when thoroughly dissolved, put it away to cool.

Safety in Railroad Travel. Of the 375,000,000 persons annually carried over the railroads of the United States, about 1800 meet with injuries more or less severe, while 460 are killed.

The remembrance that the poor man was probably lying at the point of death soon drove all such thoughts from my head, and I hurried on and soon reached the hotel. I was shown immediately to the room of the wounded man and found him lying on the bed just breathing, and such a sight as would make a man's blood run cold.

Concerning Mirrors. The record of patents granted during the last 200 years throws curious lights upon the progress of the manufacture of mirrors.

A Pleasant Experiment with Salt. Do you want to grow salt and at the same time have an interesting, hands-on experiment? The preceding is a novel chemical experiment that may be tried by any one.

A Royal Hussar. At the review of the Fifth German Army Corps, near Breisau, the Crown Princess of Germany in her Hussar uniform rode past at the head of the splendid regiment of Hussars of which she is honorary colonel.

BROWN BUTTER.—Put a layer of sweetened apple sauce in a buttered dish, add a few lumps of butter, then a layer of cracker crumbs, sprinkled with a little cinnamon, then a layer of sauce, etc., making the last a layer of crumbs; bake in oven, and eat hot, with cold sweetened cream.

The Doctor's Story. It was Christmas Eve, and a dreary night it was, dismal enough, with drifting, sleet and snow to drive away all thoughts of pleasure, except to those who were comfortably gathered around their own firesides.

He had fallen on the floor, his head was in such a position that the blood from his face, making a ghastly spectacle. Finding that he still lived, they placed him on the bed, and for the first time when I arrived he was just breathing.

His name he said was Boyden—John Boyden—and he was born in Boston. His father was a wealthy ship-builder, and owning several ships, trading between this port and several cities in Europe, daily adding to his large fortune, to which John was the only heir.

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FRANCIS BOYDEN.—The paper dropped from his hands, and the man who had left his home ten years ago in the prime of life, now bent down and grown prematurely old by dissipation, bent his head upon his hands, and wept as he had not done since a little child.

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